

(3) *Carya ovalis* exhibits a striking degree of variation in the limited area studied. We have been able to recognize several varieties. Briefly these are: (1) var. *obovalis* Sargent with fruits obovoid, (2) var. *odorata* (Marsh.) Sargent with small nuts and inner surface of fresh husk with a resinous odor, (3) var. *obcordata* (Muhl. & Willd.) Sargent with nuts oblong and cordate or obcordate at the apex. Two facts should be noted: (1) that fruits from the same tree were very uniform in all taxonomic characteristics. (2) While there were many overlapping tendencies between trees, it was nevertheless possible to relate each individual by its fruit-characteristics to the typical species or to one of the above-named varieties according to the descriptions and keys of various authors including Sargent, Deam and Rehder.

Perhaps these purely local observations, added to the information obtained elsewhere by others, may contribute in a small way to a better understanding of the taxonomic and distributional features of our northeastern hickories.

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